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YUGOSLAVIA SENTENCES FARM SABOTEURS;
FALL SOWING BEHIND SCHEDULE

SENTENCE FARM-WORK COOPERATIVE SABOTEURS -- Zagreb, Borba, 13 Dec 51

Belgrade, 12 December -- The Circuit Court in Belgrade recently sentenced Zivorad Gavrilovic to 13 years in the penitentiary, Momcilo Markovic to 12 years, Aleksandar Radovanovic to 10 years, and Dusan Mihajlovic and Zivomir Stanojlovic to 7 years, for setting fire to the farm-work cooperative in Zivkovci, Grocka Srez, the night of 22 - 23 March 1950. All the sentenced men are from Malo Orasje in Podunavlje Srez.

Armed with rifles and revolvers, the group was so organized that the fire was not discovered by the people's authorities for some time. The saboteurs poured kerosene inside the building and set it afire, then burned a fence to hinder any eventual pursuers. Goods valued at 680,000 dinars were destroyed in the fire.

The group attempted to excuse their action as the result of being assessed excessive crop-delivery quotas by the people's council of Malo Orasje. However, this was proved to be untrue.

Momcilo Markovic [Other than the Markovic named above], also from Malo Orasje, was tried with the group for robbing the farm-work cooperative in Donja Dubona in Kosmaj Srez. On 8 and 9 December 1950, Markovic and Zivorad Gavrilovic stole goods from the cooperative valued at tens of thousands of dinars. Markovic was sentenced to 4 years in the penitentiary.

ONLY 10 PERCENT OF FALL SOWING COMPLETED IN MACEDONIA -- Zagreb, Borba,
23 Oct 51

Skopje, 22 October -- According to reports made to the Main Directorate for Cooperative Agriculture, fall sowing in Macedonia is far behind schedule, with only 10 percent of the sowing completed thus far. Kavadarci and Stip

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srezes, which are not the best grain-producing areas, have made the most progress although they have sowed only one-fifth of their prescribed areas. The situation is much worse in fertile grain areas, such as Sveti Nikola Srez, the most fertile grain area in Macedonia, where incomplete reports show that about 700 hectares have been sowed.

The delay in sowing is due to a steady 2-week rain and to hoof-and-mouth disease, which prevented livestock from being worked. The delay is also the result of a lack of precise sowing plans in either the republic or the srezes. Consequently, those who manage the sowing in srez people's councils and in foundations for mechanization fail to arrange for beginning sowing on schedule. Also, a majority of the srezes are not reporting sowing results every 10 days. In Bitolj, the srez people's council reported the sowing results of only 23 cooperatives out of 109. Scheduled reporting helps managers to solve the problems delaying sowing.

FACTORY TO EXHIBIT PRODUCTS AT ZAGREB FAIR -- Novi Sad, Slobodna Vojvodina,
7 Aug 51

At the 1951 Zagreb Fair, the "Pobeda" Agricultural Equipment Factory will exhibit for the first time this year a horse-drawn reaper and a horse-drawn thresher, both of which the factory began making some time ago. They will also exhibit a binder. The factory began producing binders at the end of 1950; consumers consider their quality equal to that of binders previously imported.

In compliance with the requests and suggestions of purchasers, the "Pobeda" Factory has begun building a prototype of a mower fitted with roller bearings.

There is a possibility that some agricultural machinery will be exported to the Near East; the Zagreb Fair will show how much interest there is in the products of the "Pobeda" Factory.

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